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The Honorable Chris R. Holden, Chair
Assembly Committee on Appropriations
1021 O Street, Suite 8220
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Dear Assembly Member Holden:

**SUPPORT – ASSEMBLY BILL 2784 (TING AND IRWIN) AS INTRODUCED ON
FEBRUARY 18, 2022 – SOLID WASTE: THERMOFORM PLASTIC CONTAINERS:
POSTCONSUMER THERMOFORM RECYCLED PLASTIC**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) is pleased to **support** Assembly Bill 2784 (AB 2784), as introduced on February 18, 2022.

The proposed legislation, if enacted, would require the total thermoform plastic containers sold by a producer to contain specified amounts of postconsumer thermoform recycled plastic based on a tiered plan commencing January 1, 2025; no less than 20 percent or 30 percent postconsumer recycled plastic per year on and after July 1, 2030. Requires certain importers and manufacturers of thermoform plastic containers, as defined, to register and pay a fee to the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) and would require those entities and certain purchasers and exporters to report specified sales and other information. The bill would authorize CalRecycle to conduct audits and investigations and take any enforcement action, such as imposing annual administrative penalties against a producer to ensure compliance.

The Task Force is in support of this measure as it would transition from utilizing virgin resin and increase the use of postconsumer thermoform recycled plastic used in food and beverage applications. Further, establishing minimum recycled content requirements for thermoform plastic containers will provide significant environmental benefits such as reduced greenhouse gas emissions associated with production, less plastic litter entering water bodies, and less plastic sent to landfills.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Assembly Bill 939), the Task Force is responsible for coordinating the development of all major solid waste planning

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documents prepared for the County of Los Angeles and the 88 cities in Los Angeles County with a combined population in excess of ten million. Consistent with these responsibilities and to ensure a coordinated and cost-effective and environmentally sound solid waste management system in Los Angeles County, the Task Force also addresses issues impacting the system on a countywide basis. The Task Force membership includes representatives of the League of California Cities-Los Angeles County Division, County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, City of Los Angeles, waste management industry, environmental groups, the public, and a number of other governmental agencies.

Based on the foregoing, the Task Force **supports** AB 2784. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer, a member of the Task Force, at MikeMohajer@yahoo.com or (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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